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- 1. DURING MEETING JANUARY 23 FONDEPT ASIA PACIFIC DIRECTOR BRIGGEN ADENAN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON FEB. 23-25 ASEAN SUMMIT.
- 2. PREPARATIONS: THERE IS MUCH YET TO BE DONE. FOLLOWING SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING AND FONMINS MEETING IN BANGKOK THERE WILL BE YET ANOTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING AND FONMINS' MEETING IN BALI JUST PRIOR TO SUMMIT. SUHARTO WILL ALSO DISCUSS SUMMIT WITH MALAYSIAN PM HUSEIN ONN DURING LATTER'S ONE DAY VISIT JAN. 29. BRIEF MARCOS STOPOVER FOLLOWING RAZAK FUNERAL SERVED LARGELY TO OBTAIN SUHARTO'S FORMAL AGREEMENT SUMMIT SHOULD GO ON, AND SUBSTANCE OF SUMMIT WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN MUCH DEPTH.

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3. PARTICIPATION: SUMMIT WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE ASEAN

NATIONS. ALTHOUGH OBSERVERS SOMETIMES ASKED TO ASEAN FONMINS CONFERENCES, NONE HAS BEEN INVITED TO SUMMIT. DURING RECENT VISIT TO JAKARTA FONMIN PEACOCK ASKED GOI IF PM FRASER COULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF ASEAN SUMMIT, STAYING ON FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH PARTICIPANTS. GOI IS CONFERRING WITH OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS, BUT WONDERS WHETHER MALAYSIA WILL WANT TO INCLUDE FRASER, WHO IS NOT SYMPATHETIC TO ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE JAPANESE AND NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION, ADENAN SAID HE HAD READ NEWSPAPERS TO THIS EFFECT BUT THAT GOI HAS RECEIVED NO SIGNS OF INTEREST FROM TOKYO OR WELLINGTON.

4. SUBSTANCE OF SUMMIT: ADENAN EXPECTED LITTLE CONCRETE TO EMERGE. TREATY OF AMITY REQUIRING ASEAN MEMBERS TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY IS LIKELY. THIS IS "NO TIME TO RAISE ZONE OF PEACE" AND LITTLE WILL TRANSPIRE IN THAT AREA. A SMALL STEP IN DIRECTION OF FREER TRADE IS LIKELY AND SOME MOVE TOWARDS COOPERATION IN SECURITY MATTERS POSSIBLE. QUESTION OF FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL REMAINS UP IN AIR SINCE GOP STILL WANTS A FILIPINO TO WHICH MALAYSIA WILL NOT AGREE. INDONESIA WILL SUPPLY A MAN IF ASKED BY ALL; FRANS SEDA (FORMER TRANSPORTATION MINISTER AND NOW LEAVING HIS PAST AS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM) WOULD BE A LIKELY CHOICE. RIVES

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